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Application No.: 09/942,250 Art Unit: 1732

Filed: August 28, 2001 Examiner: Lee, Edmund H.

For: METHOD OF FORMING A STEEL INSERT

FOR MOLDED RUBBER PART

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003 (Paper No. 13), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.